#### EXCITING COON HUNT IN THE DARK BASEMENT OF THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

The strange animal which for the last ten days mas provided about the dark corpers in the subbasement of the Federal building was captured last night and proved to be nothing mere ferocious than a cook of the provided that have a subbasement of the Federal times by firemen and others captoyed in the base function had been seen several times by firemen and others captoyed in the base function had been effected. For ten days the animal was not discovered until the capture by huling in a shallow conduit, and venturing forth only when the animal evaded capture by huling in a shallow conduit, and venturing forth only when the animal first made its appearance in way that threatened to make Harry Neighbor, one of the night firemen, a ten occasion to move a bench in a dark cortex in the west end of the building. While thus engaged a large black animal ran across the foor, and by diff of much writestlas and squirming crawled through a hole in the selection ever of the water special words and squirming crawled through a hole in the selection ever of the water special words and squirming crawled through a hole in the selection ever of the water special words and spain for the canture of the animal. At this special was a special word in the water of the animal crawled through the conditions, which was too large for a cat, and of a shape never before seen in the dark recesses of the holler-from.

After a time a scentching noise was learned, and a pointed special was appeared to who sharp upright ears. The watchers remained in hiding, and after a somethy surface of the animal crawled through the hole and shambled across the foor.

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#### AWAITS HIS MARRIAGE IN JAIL, JUST TO PLEASE HIS SWEETHEART.

The Squire deliberated a moment while he calculated the expense necessitated by a written aspication to Edwardsville for a written aspication to Edwardsville for a written aspication to Edwardsville for a marriage license.

Then he answered: "Give me—" he named the answered: "Give me—" and I can the answered: "Give me—" and I can the amount in a lower tone—"and I can the amount in a lower tone—" and I can

Then he answered: "Give me—" he named the amount in a lower tone—"and I can get you the legal permission necessary be-fore I can perform a ceremony. "They don't put war taxes on gettin' married, do they, Judge?" innocently asked

'The tax is a triffe, but the license must be paid for, you know," explained the Mag-istrate.

istrate.

"How long will it take, Judge, to get dat license?" was George's next query.

"Oh, a day or so."

"Look here, George Claypole, I ain't goin' to allow yo handsome presence to leave me

two days, while we go through all dis red tape," said Hattle, "You belong to me now, George Claypole."
"I understan all that, my Hattle, but where am I goin' to stay while we walts." I'm willing to belong to you. Ain't I head to get married?"
"I guess you will stay in the safest place.

A letter was malled to Edwardsville post aste, but up to last night the license had aste, but up to last night the license had of arrived. Claypole took the delay pa-

## **USEFUL ARTICLES** THE POPULAR GIFT.

Things Which Will Be of Service to Recipients in Demand Among Christmas Shoppers.

FADS OF THE PAST DISAPPEAR. SENTIMENT IS UNANIMOUS.

Toilet Sets, Lorgnettes, Walrus- Second Day of the Gathering De-Hide Purses and Lockets Lead Sales in Jewelry Houses

Handsome Tollet Sets.

These include hair brushes, hand mirrors, combs, manicure sets, and the like; and they come in great variety of design, at correspondingly varying prices. Silver mountings are most popular. Some of the designs are strikingly artistic, the most popular prices being bas-relief copies of celebrated paintings which have to do with Dan Cupid and his pranks. As a present from a young man to his sweetheart nothing is considered more appropriate than a case of these articles—as many pieces as he may choose—and the price may be anywhere from \$19 to \$100, as he may elect.

Next in popularity to tollet accessories are purses, chatelames, garters, umbrellas, lorgnettes, opera glasses, bracelets and lockets, and the demand is about in the order given. In purses there are a number of new and strikingly pretty designs, and the fashion runs largely to gold and silver mountings. The newest, and highest-priced, leather is wairus hide, which comes in black and tan and is peculiar for irregular longitudinal creases, which give it an individuality that is unmistakable.

Chatelaine bags are in special demand for elderly women, and may be had in great variety. The newest are of cut steel bends strung on sife, with substantial steel fastenings and belt heoks. There are also chatelaines for zirls and young women, which are both useful and ornamental, but they have not yet become popular. Portfolios and sketching pads, for young women with artistic talents, are more than ever in evidence. The newest of them are bound in suede or undressed kild, and have fastenings of beavy silver or wrought gold.

in suede or undressed kid, and have fastenings of heavy silver or wrought gold.
Garters of every conceivable shade of silk,
and with clasps that range from simple
buckles to eleborately beleweled and
carved locks, are to be seen at all of the
jewelry stores; and, strange to relate, at
some of the haberdasheries. The newest
styles are packed in handsomely decorated
cases, which will answer the double purnose of slove boxes.

of glove boxes.

Men Folks Not Forgotten. Men Folks Not Forgotten.
Umbrellas worth small fortunes are for sale at the principal jewelry and furnishing goods stores and are much in demand, but there is a marked tendency toward individuality among those who can afford the finest, and the proper thing to do is to have your umbrella made to order. The bill will be anywhere from \$50 to \$60 for the fanciest handles and best workmanship; but, after all, an umbrella is an umbrella and a proverbially fleeting possession.

For men the list of desirable things is shorter, and is more nearly confined to ar-For men the list of desirable things is shorter, and is more nearly confined to ar-ticles of wearing apparel than formerly. It includes smoking jackets, in endless va-riety, and at prices ranging from \$5 to \$5; gloves, suspenders, neckties, mufflers, walk-ing-sticks and umbrelias.

For some reason or other it is no longer considered the thing for sweethearts and wives to have or make slippers.

considered the thing for sweethearts and wives to buy or make slippers for their men folk, and the time-honored embroidered foot covering is strictly tabooed. As for cigars the thing to do is to forget them. The giving of jewels is confined to near relatives or prospective relatives.

Labor Commissioner's Report.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The Commissioner
of Labor reports to Congress expenditures
aggregating \$179,349 during the last fiscal

187 Boarding Places Advertised in to-day's Republic.

I'm willing to belong to you. Ain't I heah to zet married?"

"I guess you will stay in the safest place I knows of, on first thought."

"Where am that, Hattle?"

"In jall, ob course."

"But, Hattle, I can't stay in jall."

"Yes you kin; you am too handsome to be allowed to make goo-goo eyes at anybody else. Oh, I knews you wouldn't do anything that awful, but I'd feel better if you was in jall."

"All right, Hattle."

And the couple walked up Main street to the City Hall on Edwardsville road, where the difficulties of being married were disclosed to Marshal Phayer. He gave the bridegroom-to-be a cell, and the bride-to-be notified Squire Fechte to hurry up the license.

tiently.

Both principals say they will live happier ever afterwards because of the delays incident to "licenses and war taxes." And both agree that such revenues are cheaper than either walking or paying rallroad fare between Venice and Edwardsville.

# SOUTH STRONGLY FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Southern Industrial Convention Adopts a Resolution Indorsing the Exposition.

voted to a Discussion of the Benefits to Be Derived from

Much of the perplexing uncertainty that ordinarily attends the selection of Christmas presents may be avoided this year by applying the standard of utility-for never before have useful things been so much sought or more easily obtained.

The rule applies alike to gitts for men and women, young and old; for sweethearts and wives, husbands and beaux, and even to boys and girls. Leading merchants in all lines say there has never been so general a demand for practical things, things that will not only serve the purpose of remembrance, but that will be of actual use to the recipient. On the other hand, they say there is less demand than ever for things that are simply sendimental, like coursely ornamental.

Judging by the Christmas stocks of the leading stores, novelites are not in demand, and the fads of former years have no successors.

Articles that will serve as daily reminders of the sender are "jest the thing," and the list is as long as the catalogue of human decires almost. The jewelers report that the sale of toflet accessories has been exceptionally heavy.

Handsome Tollet Sets.

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#### MR. FAVERSHAM SINKING.

Physicians Fear End of the Actor's Life Is Near.

New York, Dec. 5.—William Faversham, the actor, was so much worse to-day and at a late hour to-night that it was stated there were grave fears he might not live until morning.

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Mr. Faversham has been ill for some time with appendicitis. He underwent an operation, and after it was performed, his condition was considered extremely critical. He grew better, however, and his friends had strong hopes of his ultimate recovery, although it was known that he was not out of danger. anger, rly to-day he took a turn for the worse

and this evening his more intimate frien were notified that he was sinking rapidly

#### HEIRS ARE IN ST. LOUIS.

Cincinnati Attorney Seeking Relatives of Henry Roehling.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

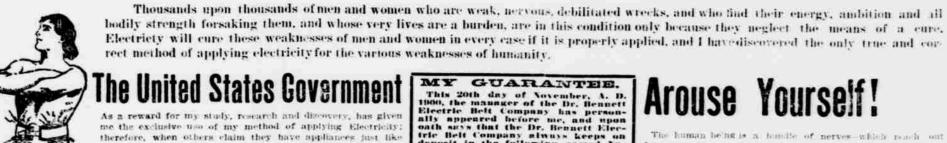
Cinclinati, O., Dec. 5.—Attorney Join
Dewald has \$12,500, for which he desires the
heirs to appear. Henry Roehling, several
years ago, became crazed over the loss of
his money, and was sent to the asylum.
Last week he fell from his bed in that institution, alighted on his head and died as a
result.

result.

Lawyer Dewald has reported to the Probate Court that Rochling left \$12,500. His only brother died four years ago in Wehden, Germany, leaving four sons and a daughter. Some of them are in St. Louis, Mr. Dewald will search for these children.

West:
St. Louis—A. S. Dodge, J. S. Poindexter,
Manhattan; F. H. Britten, J. A. Riordan,
Hoffman; J. W. Miller, J. H. Hubley, Heraid
Square; J. Barker, Holland; C. Conrad, Glisey; C. Ames, Ashiand; A. W. Becker, St.
Denis; C. C. Hoyt, Everett; Mrs. W. C.
Hall, Murray Hill, H. B. Marten, St. Cioud;
Mrs. O. M. Smith, Park Avenue; E. Bannon,
Union Square; A. C. Lengwick, Broadway
Central. Knnsns City-J. D. Hanley, Holland; G. R. Collins Grand

# BUILDER UP OF MANHOOD.



mine, or when they say their so-called electric belts have the features of mine, you can set them down as frauds from the

# Dr. Bennett's Electric Belt

away with that frightful burning and blistering caused by all other makes of beits, which have bare metal electrodes upon which verdigris will accumulate. Verdigris is a deadly poison My Electric Belt can be renewed when burned out for only 72c; no other belt can be renewed for any price, and when burned out is worthless. If you are going to buy an Electric Belt for your weaknesses, the non-burning and renewing fea-tures of my Electric Belt should appeal to your better judgThis 20th day of November, A. D. 1800, the manager of the Dr. Bennett Electric Belt Company has personally appeared before me, and upon oath says that the Dr. Bennett Electric Belt Company always keeps on deposit in the following amed Mational Banks sufficient money to make good any guarantee the company may give its puttents:

Denver National Bank of Denver, Colo.

Colo. New England National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. Merchants National Bank of Omaha. leb. Diamond National Bank of Pittsburg, Pa. Third National Bank of St. Louis.

State of Colorado, County of Arapa-Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1900. CHARLES A. BONFILS, Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 22, 1901.

# Arouse Yourself!

from a common conter to all parts of the body, just us our large telegraph systems reach out all over the world. These nerves are very small white threads and are conductors of Electricity and keep all the organs of the body in activity and performing their proper functions. If some of these commeting cords, or nerves, which carry Electricity-without which no living thing that breathes could exist for a mement-become deranged and full to transmit the required amount of come derinized and fail to transmit the required amount of Electricity to certain organs, these organs become delaining and weakened, and thus are produced the many ills and weakenesses from which you suffer. Electricity, when you are woner sick, is lacking, supply the electricity, which is Nature's own remedy, and you rapidly recover. My Electric Bell is to supply blockfely to weak organs and nerves, which rapidly returns you to health and streamth. I have similed the weaknesses of men and women and Electricity as a curative agent for, rather, how to apply ill for years, and know just what my Electric Belt will do; therefore, I guarantee the cure, and It does not cost you a cert if it does not cure you.



# In This Offer I Stand Alone. Read!

and has cured 19,000 weak men and women. It is expensive to manufacture and the prices asked are so low that they will not stand the wholesale reductions offered by other concerns. If you are cured by my Electric Belt you must pay for it; if it fails to cure you I refund every cent you puld for it, and give you'd

offer as this, whether they give medical or electrical treatment. This guarantee is based upon the fact that my Electric Belt cures innety-live per cent of the cases I accept for treatment. I can refund the money in five per cent of the cases I treat and still make a living, and a living profit is all I want. If you have neglected your case so long that death only will relieve you I will not accent your case: If you can be cured I will accept the case and refund the fee paid me if I fail. This, I think is fair. As to my financial standing and integrity you can easily assertable,

Dr. Bennett's Electrical Suspensory

For the cure of the weaknesses of men is just as great an invention as my Ele-tric Belt, and is sent FREE to each male patient.

Knowing beyond the possibility of a doubt that my Electric Belt will cure Impotency, Lost Manhood, Varioscele and all Sexual Weaknesses in either sex, restorshrunken and Indeveloped Organs and Vitality, cure Kishey, Laver and Bladder Teconics, Christian Continuing the Continuing Continu

all Female Complaints, etc., I absolutely guarantee the cure in each case. I hope to obtain you as one of my patients, you will not be experimented with you will be cured or your money refunded.

You may think I exangerate and say my Electric Belt will do too much but the truth is, I cannot say too much about it, for I worked the best part of my life to perfect an appliance to apply Electricity in the human system so as to make cures and not inconvenience you, and I succeeded. I was dissatisfied with the ordinary methods of applying Electricity as taught in colleges and claborated in med-

irne way, as year will know should you need treatment and begin with my Belt. If you have an old-style Belt that burns and blisters, or gives no current, or is burned out and cannot be renewed, send it to me as half payment for one of mine.

I have written a book, "The Finding of the Fontiain of Eternal Youth," sent free, postpaid, for the asking, which will tell you all about it. Call or write to-day. Sold only by

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## PROBABLE FATE OF WATER RATES BILL.

Rumored That the House of Dele gates Committee Wid Favor the Proposed Reduction.

Rumors are flying thick and fost about the City Hall, based upon statements made by members of the Committee on Legication of the House of Delegates to supposed friends that there is every prospect that the committee will report favorably the bill proposing a reduction of the water rates. It is said that the members of the committee will report favorably the bill is asserted, confessed that he had full charge of the office as manager, William M. Gates, it is asserted, confessed that he had in a been robbing his employers and was involved in rum. It is said that the members of the commit-tee have practically reached a conclusion on this important matter after only one hearing, at which the highest officials drew attention to the danger that would fellow a reduction of the revenue, and regardless of the hearing to be held to-merrow morning. Two chief arguments have been advanced against the bill. The first is that the Water Department is merely self-sustaining casion a reduction of revenue would endanger the municipal ownership of the Waterworks. The second is that the ball which is pending in the Home of Designates is not a popular measure, inasmuch as it contains discriminators clauses and it.

contains discriminatory clauses and that the small consumer would not retrive aquit-able reduction of taxes. Water Commissioner Flad asserts that every dollar of revenue will be needed for extensions and new work. By 1965 the present capacity of the Waterworks will have been exhausted and the plant will then have to be enlarged. If steps are taken to decrease the revenue there will be no money in the treasury, and, if the city should want to give the citizens protes service, to avert a water familie, some cor poration or outsider would have to come to the city's relief and build the addition

Thus the city would lose control of at least portion of the system. Well-informed edicials believe there is vast amount of politics in the movement to reduce the rates. It is said that politi-clates are against Water Commissioner Flad because he and his predecessors de elined to use the department for the distri bution of spoils to henchmen and party workers. Members of the Municipal Ac sembly acknowledge that they do not I'ke Mr. Flad's attitude toward the machine,

#### MARKSMAN'S PRIZE A WIFE.

Winner of an Iowa Contest Is New a Bridegroom.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Callender, I.a., Dec. 2.—Because of the accuracy of his marksmanship in a bloodless doed, Charles Mirena, a young farmer in Clay Towaship, Websier County, has led in triamph to the altar Miss Minnle Anderson, daughter of a prosperous Scandinavian farmer.

Until a few days ago the young weman's affections had been divided among a scare of sultors, but the rivalry becoming warm the contest narrowed down to two favorites, Marena and another young farmer named C. Alsiat. The young woman asserted she was unable to choose between the two. Neither sultor would resign in favor of the other, and friends, who had watched the centest with interest, were called in to take charge of a plan which the two had seitled upon.

Blood is to longer sadied in lowa in such affairs, but both young men were known throughout the country for their experiness with the rifle. A duel without blood was the way out of the difficulty suggested, and the principals und their triends went to a quiet spot back of the barn and targets were set up. Alsot lost his hend in content for so valuable a stake, and Marena had a walk-away, secring two builts eyes, and by the terms of the agreement winning the gift.

They were married yesterday, and the the girl.

They were married yesterday, and the bridegroom is having his faithful rifle gilded to hang in the parior of his home.

#### CONTENTION OVER FINES.

County Clerk and School Superintendent Claim the Funds.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Alton, Ill., Dec. 5.—Supreintendent of Schools M. Henson of Venice to-day made a demand on Clerk Brandeweide for \$90 in fines which had been collected from perjury and contempt cases during the last two Superintendent Henson stated that the fines belonged to the school funds of Madison County, but Brandewelde refused to pay them into the school funds upon the grounds that he had made other disposition of them by order of the Court. Superintendent Henson informed the cierk that suit would be entered at once to recover the

noney. State Altorney Staats, up to his regire sont from office, on December 3, turned At New York Hotels.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 5.—Hotel arrivals to-day include the following visitors from the West:

St. Louis—A. S. Dodge, J. S. Poindexter, Manhattan: F. H. Britton, J. A. Plordian.

Poultry and Pet Stock Exhibit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Rowling Green, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Northeast Missouri Poultry and Pet Stock Association is holding its annual meeting in this city, to continue until the 6th. It embraces more than a hundred of the most noted breeders in this part of the State. A very time collection of birds and animals is on exhibition.

# ROBBED THE FIRM HE SERVED FOR YEARS.

William Gates Rose From Office Boy to Manager-Now He Is Fugitive From Justice.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

rooms as employers and was involved in room.

The full amount of his alleged stealings is not yet known, but it is believed he has taken £5,000—perhaps more.

He is now a fugitive through the courtesy of the men he is said to have robbed, who were reductant to see him impris ned and who offered him the exportunity of escape. He is said to have made his confession on Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday he left home, leaving behind a wife and 6-year-old child.

A warrant for the arrest of the stead of the stead

#### THE WEATHER.

To-Day's Forceast. Washington, Dec. 2. Percent for to morrow. Misseuri-tienerally fair Thursday and Prictay

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P. J. HYATT.

Local Forecast Official.

# TO FORM A NEW PARTY.

Reform Elements Asked to Meet at Indianapolis December 22.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Charies M. Walter, secretary of the Middle-of-the-Road Ropalist State Committee, has issued a call for a conference to be held at the English Hotel, December 22. He says this conference will be the first step in the formation of a new national party, to embrace all of the reform elements. COAL OIL CAN EXPLODED.

Mrs. M. Dindy of Pana, Ill., Was Fatally Burned. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pana, Ill., Dec. 5.—Mrs. M. Dindy was probably fatally burned to-day while en-deavoring to start a fire with coal oil, the can exploding while she was pouring the fluid on a smoldering fire.

# PARDON CAME TOO LATE FOR THIS MAN.

Died in Tennessee Prison While Papers Lay in President's Desk During the Campaign.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. a President McKinley yesterday afterneon partoned Mirlon Welcher, a former leading whisky distiller of North Georgia, who was convicted

tiller of North Georgia, who was convicted and sentenced to serve a year and a half in the penitentiary for a violation of internal revenue laws.

The papers for pardon were filed some time ago with the Department of Justice, stating that the prisoner was afflicted with an incutable disease, and that if not liberated his death would result. The pardon was recommended by many persons in authority, but had evidently been pigeon-holed at Washington during the presidential campaign.

holed at Washington during the presidential campaign.

Immediately after the President looked over the application and signed the papers. Attorney General Griggs rushed a telegram to Warden Hartford of the Tennessee prison, where Welcher was incarcerated, ordering him to release the prisoner.

The Warden looked up the record to-day, that he maight release the man, but found this entry: "Died in prison November 15."

The pardon papers have not yet arrived.

# NELLIE NEUSTRETTER MARRIED.

Idol of Gay Paris Becomes Bride of

Manchester's Secretary. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 5.—Dispatches from Paris to-day say that Neille Neustrelter, until recently the idol of all Paris, the mean beautiful of women and the co-tesponders insmed in the divorce suit brought against W. K. Vanderbilt by his wife, has martied Carle Johnston, the late private secretary to the Duke of Manchester. The latter smilingly confirmed the story to-day.

Johnston is a cousin of the Marquis of Anglesey, who recently secured an aboutment of his marriage to a young woman in England. Young Johnston has gone to Cape Nome after gold. His new tile can spend guineas as a sailor will pennies.

If he becomes Marquis of Angelsey he will have a large fortune. When the Earl of Varmouth was lunching at the Walserf Astorta with the Duke of Manchester be asked the latter what had become of Carle

Astonia with the past and become of Carie Johnston.

Then Manchester told a story which had been kept secret.

"Johnston has married Nellie Neastretter," said the Duke, and in a short time the news spread. It reached the Fifth avenue clubs, because Nellie Neastretter is known to every gay clubman in New York. It was she who was mentioned when Mes, William K. Vanderbill, now Mrs. Officer H. P. Belmont, got her divorce from her faceband five years ago.

Nelle Neastretter has been Patic's star beauty. She held the chief place in the gay life of that gay cay for nearly tell years and her wit and beauty attracted a large civile of admirers. She is blonde, tail, with a magnificent figure, splendid cross, and it superb complexion. She is half American, half Sweds. She was born in Larreks. Nev., where her father kept a small stary. A scandal in her loone town drayer her to Saa Francisca. There she bed a gay life. She married a divorce. She came to New York and flually went to Paris.

EXTENDING BAPTIST MISSIONS.

This Year.

Danver, Coles, Dec. 5.-The annual coterence of the American Baptist Home Mis-Sionary Society beam lodge at the First Baptist Church in this city, and wid con-tinue until Thursday night. There are in attendance wenty-six general missionaries from as many States, four district secretaries and three general superintendents.

The society has 1,140 missionaries at work, and since the war has opened twelve new misrions in the portion of Cuba, and Porto Rico, with some 500 mem-bers. About 10,000 has already been ex-pended in this work. The jurisdiction of the society extends in the United States from society extends in the United States from Indiana west, taking in all the States north and south. It is expected that \$25,500 will be raised in this territory this year. Over \$1.0,000 will be expended on the negro schools of the South Much work \$1.000 been done in Mexico, where thirty missions have been established.

### RAY GETS HIS FREEDOM.

Legal Fight to Withdraw Governor's Pardon Is Ended.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Friday of
last week Judge Hazeil of the Cole County Circuit Court, in a habeas corpus proceeding for the release of W. J. Ray, a conviet from Christian County, held that a
commutation, delivered to the Secretary of
State, but afterwards revoked by the Governor, was, constructively, in the hands
of the warden of the penitentiary and
that the benefits immediately flowed to
the one in whose behalf it was issued.

Attorney General Crow asked the Supreme Court for a writ of certiforari compelling the lower court to certify the
records of the lower court and Judge Hazeil's opinion up to the higher court for
review.

The court denied the writ holding that REPUBLIC SPECIAL. review.

The court denied the writ, holding that a writ of habeas corpus will not be reviewed after being passed upon by the lower court, and the prisoner was ordered released. Ray was accordingly given his freedom.

In the City.

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RANSOM CORPS EUCHRE-Ransom Corps, No. 6, will give a cuchre at Kicker's Hall. No. 4688 Kennerly avenue, to-merrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BRANCH GUARDS-Company G. known

as the crack company of the First Regi-ment, N. G. M., will give a military re-ception and ball to-morrow evening at West End Hall, Vandeventer and Finney

SALOONKEEPER FINED-D. I., Samms, soloonkeeper at Jefferson and Geyer avenuer, was fined £5 and costs in the First Datriet Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of maintaining a slot machine. Other cases on the docket were continued. GAIN IN POSTAL. RECEIPTS-The receipts at the St. Louis Post Office for the first four days of the present month are \$28,81.19, a sum \$4,02266 in excess of the total receipts for the corresponding period in 1820, being a gain of nearly 29 per cent.

COMMITTEES IN SESSION—The Water-works and the Lighting Committees of the Baard of Public Improvements yesterian held long meetings to discuss the Meramec Spring proposition, in order to finish the report for submission to the board, and to consider the Hermann ordinance for the extension of the conduit limits.

TESTIMONIAL TO CAPTAIN Mc-NAMEE—The police officers of the Mounted District resterday morning presented a handsome diamond stud to Captain Mc-Namee as a testimonial of their friendship. President Hawes of the Board of Police Commissioners made the presentation speech to which Captain McNamee replied in a few words.

PUBLIC-SCHOOL REPORTS—Reports of the public schools for the first quarter of the fiscal year have just been received by Superintendent Soldan. The total enroll-ment for the first quarter is 71.5%, as against 70.388 during the same period in 1939, a gain of 1.151. The total number of teachers employed is now 1.882, as against 1.615 in the corresponding quarter last year, an increase of sixty-seven.

TWO NEW SLOT-MACHINE CASES—Richard Mallineott of No. 410 North Eighth street and Charles Beecher of No. 121 Chestnut street, salloonkeepers, are charged in warrants issued yesterday with maintaining slot machines in their places. Assistant Proscuting Attorney Johnson told Lieutetant Johnson of the Central District Police, who has charge of the slot machine raids, that he would issue warrants in all cases where the evidence was submitted.

PLEASANT PORTER DEFENDANT-deneral Pleasant Porter of the Indian Ter-ritory is defendant in two suits filed in Justice Spanidins's court yesterday, growing out of his alleged ownership of some horses two years ago. Patrick Ahearn is a codefendant with General Porter. One of the suits is by the Foskett-Kissner Feed campany for 225:02 for horse feed, alleged to have been furnished the defendants in 188. The other suit is by John Ryan for 275 for services alleged to have been rendered in cooking for the men who took care of the defendants horses.

ACCUSED OF STEALING SHOES ACCUSED OF STEALING SHOES-Frink Smith and Janes Martin, boys, are booked up at the Second District Police Sta-tion, charged with steading six shoes for the right foot from the sample case of William Long a salesman for the Tennent-Strading Shoe Company. The shees were taken from the case while it was left in a burgy in front of Long's home, at No. 7724 South Breadway on Monday night. Shoes found in the possession of Smith and Mar-tin were identified, and yesterday Long swere out a warrant against the boys, charging them with petit lareeny. Society Expects to Raise \$220,000

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DECISION FOR DEFENDANT—Jodge Klein found for the defendant yesterday in the suit of Dwight Tredway against Christian Poper for \$199.420 damages for alleged breach of contract. Tredway alleged that he was damaged in the amount sued for because of the defendant's fallure to keep his promise in regard to a sale of stock of the St. Louis Railroad Company. Tredway alleged that it was agreed that if he sot perchasers for the stock in question he was to receive so much. He averred that he got the perchasers, and that the sale was made. Judge Klein held that the proof was not sufficient.

MRS. GILLAM'S COMPLAINT—Mrs. William Gillam, wife of the proprietor of the Empire Hotel at No. 200 Olive street, made application yesterday for a warrant against Policeman John F. Kirby of the Eighth District, charging him with assault and battery. She alleges that in the raid on the hotel Monday morning the officer heat her with his clab. Assistant Prosecutings Attorney Johnson said he would take the case under advisement, Kirby was notified to call at the office. A warrant was issued against Gillam and his clerk, Henry Johnson, charging them with conducting an immoral resort.

INCORPORATED—The Frankenthal Investment Company yesterday filed articles of incorporation with the Represent of Deeds. The paid-in capital stack of \$100,000 is divided into 100 shares of \$1,000 cach, Alexander Frankenthal tolds 49 shares, Julia Frankenthal 1, Albert Frankenthal 49 and Mathida F, Frankenthal 1. The Charles A, Olcott Planing Mill Company has a paid-in capital of \$75,000, divided into 750 shares of \$160 cach, Charles A, Olcott Planing dill Company has a paid-in capital of \$75,000, divided into 750 shares of \$160 cach, Charles A, Olcott 1, The Empire Advertising and Distributing Company is capitalized for \$5,000. The shares are held by James L. Ennie, Perry G. Start held by James L. Ennie, Perry G. Start and Gene P. Foute. The William R. Eidson Commission Company has a capital of \$10,000, half of which is paid in The 100 shares are distributed as follows: William R. Eidson, \$4; Jesse T. Baker, 2); B. F. Lindas, \$1; H. Lowenhaupt, 1; T. A. Martin, 2; George B. Reader, 2; W. A. Roddy, 1, and Chester H. Krum, 1. The Western Electrical Supply INCORPORATED-The Frankenthal In

stock from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The asset \$126,578.61 and the liabilities \$176,682.69.

BETTER SCHOOL FACILITIES.

Walnut Park Residents Send Resolutions to Board of Education. A communication was received vesterday

A communication was received yesterday by the Board of Education from the residents and rehool patrons of Walnut Park, asking the hourd to investigate school facilities there. Resolutions were adopted at a mass meeting of school patrons of Walnut Park declaring that the school-rooms are too small, and that the grades are not high enough to accomodate some of the children.

It is further stated that the children who have advanced to the higher grades are compelled to attend school in distant localities, which necessitates long rides on street cars, that the street car facilities are poor and the transfers so arranged that, in many cases, the children are compelled to walk long distances to change cars; and that the cost of the fares imposes a hardship upon the parents.

The Building Committee of the Board is asked to put forth some effort to alleviate these difficulties. A new eight-room school to be bailt in that locality was recommended by the Building Committee in the last report.

### CERVERA PRAYS FOR HOBSON.

Spanish Admiral Sends Cablegram to Fever-Stricken Lieutenant.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 5.—Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Holson, tossing on his bed of fever at the Presbyterian Hospital, has been remembered by his defeated foe, Admiral Cervera of Spain. The aged Admiral, cabling to-day, said:

"I am greatly afflicted to learn of the valiant Holson's unhealthy state. I pray that God may restore him to health, or, it he dies, that he receive him in his presence.

"CERVERA."

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This cablegram was taken to be Presbyterian Hospital to-night, bu in view of the Lieutenant's condition, it was not deemed wise to let him see it. It was added to the growing pile of letters addressed to Lieutenant Hobson.

The Lieutenant was better to-night, the warden said. He was conscious and the house surgeon expressed the epinion that if no releapse occurs he will recover. But he is not yet out of danger.

#### MRS. PASCHALL'S FUNERAL.

Services Were Held at St. Alphonsus's (Rock) Church.

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The funeral of Mrs. George M. Paschall took phace at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Alphonsus's (Rock) Church at Finney and Grand avenues, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends of the deceased. The body was borne to the church from the residence of Mr. W. H. Lee. No. 25 Vandeventer place, where it had been since it was brought back to St. Louis from Cincinnati, where, on Friday, November 39, Mrs. Paschall died from a stroke of apoplexy sustained the previous evening while on a train en route to Washington, D. C.

Solemn requiem mass was celebrated at the church, after which the body was removed to Calvary Cemetery, where the bartal took place, The pallbearers were: Henry S. Ames. Henry T. Kent, A. Q. Kennett, Charles F. Bates, John F. Lee, Dixon H. Kennett, John F. Shepley and E. S. Robert.



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